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TO: Police Committee

From: Chief Robert Hatcher

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Reference: Written Reprimand Officer Valiant

Members,

On August 31, 2024, I became aware of Officer Valiant not being able to promptly respond to a call for service if needed. On this date, it was the weekend of Grayville Days celebration. On this day, I(Chief Hatcher) had started my shift shortly before 0800 hrs. Officer Valiant was scheduled to start his shift at 0700 hrs. Upon my arrival at the police department, I observed Officer Valiant's marked patrol vehicle parked at the police dept. After searching the department, I called Edwards County Dispatch and was informed by the dispatcher of Valiant's location. I was informed that Officer Valiant was available by phone and escorting the 5K run.

Shortly after 0900 hrs, Officer Valiant entered the department. I then requested him to speak with me in my office. At this time, I made inquiry as to why he was not in his patrol car and had only been available by phone since the beginning of his shift. Officer Valiant informed me that he had been escorting the runners in the 5K race. Inquiry was then made to if an emergency call had been made during that time how he would respond. I then informed Officer Valiant, changing his work assignment and failing to request/notify me of this activity. This had been planned for some time. Officer Valiant could not have responded to any call in a timely manner. After some explanation, Officer Valiant acknowledged his error. I informed him that he would receive a written reprimand for these actions.

Officer Valiant has been found in violation of Grayville Police Policy:
Standards of Conduct 321.5.7a Neglect of Duty

1. Unable to respond in timely manner to any call
2. Failing to Notify Chief of extra activities during work hours.

This reprimand will be placed in Officer Valiant personal file.

Respectfully,

Chief Robert Hatcher